

Interrogation Began at: 10:45 AM
Interrogation Terminated at: 5:30 PM
December 17, 1963
Place of Interrogation: Dallas, Texas

STATEMENT OF: Eva L. Grant
AKA: Eva L. Granovsky
2929 Rawlins
Dallas, Texas

Telephone No: LA6-6253
Employed By: Jack Ruby

Eva Rubenstein (Maiden name)
Husband: Hyman Magid (four years)
divorced approximately December 1933 (Chicago)
Children: Son: Ronald Dennis Magid

Previous Employment: (Owner) Singapore Supper Club
1947, early part of the summer
1717 S. Ervey Street
Dallas, Texas

Southwest Cool & Dye Co.
Mr. Harvey Phillips
320 West Davis Street
Dallas, Texas

Vegas Club
Dallas, Texas

Q. Is your name Mrs. Eva Grant?

A. Yes

Q. Have you ever had your name changed legally, other than by marriage?

A. One of my husbands was named Frank Granovsky. He had it later changed to Frank Grant and I do not know if it was done by the court.

Q. Mrs Grant, have you ever traveled outside of the continental U. S.?

A. Yes, I went to the border to Tijuana and Juarez on one occasion while traveling to the border.

Q. Who accompanied you on this trip?

A. A Woman had run an ad in the newspaper to the effect that she was traveling to the

West Coast. I called her and asked her if I could go as a passenger. I recall that she lived in Pasadena, California. I did not know her before, nor did I see her after the trip.

Q. Is this the only time you traveled outside of the continental U. S.?

A. I have been to Tijuana on several occasions while living in Los Angeles. I have never been outside of the continental U. S. except as mentioned above.

Q. Mrs. Grant, do you speak Polish?

A. No.

Q. Do you speak any foreign language?

A. I speak a limited Yiddish.

Q. Mrs. Grant, have you ever been arrested?

A. Yes, in Dallas.

Q. Can you give the date as best as you can remember?

A. I was staying in the White Plaza Hotel. I believe it was 1943 or 1942 in Dallas, Texas. I received a check from a customer which I deposited to my account. This check was insufficient and caused checks that I issued to bounce. I have not been arrested before or since and I have no criminal record.

Q. Mrs. Grant, do you use narcotics?

A. No, except as may have been prescribed by a physician.

Q. Mrs. Grant, do you use intoxicating beverages?

A. Occasionally.

Q. Mrs. Grant, are you a native born American citizen?

A. Yes, I am.

Q. Have you ever belonged to any organization of any type or kind or nature, other than a church?

A. I have never belonged to any organizations other than one in Chicago, Illinois, known as the "Pioneer Women of America". (Mrs. Grant is not sure of this name, but believes it to be correct to the best of her memory.)

After two months I resigned from this organization because its policies were not in keeping with my sentiments. This organization was composed primarily of Jewish women who were promoting aid for Israel.

Q. Mrs. Grant, were you ever a member of the communist party?

A. No sir.

Q. Have you ever made any donations to any clubs or other groups to the best of your knowledge or belief?

A. No sir.

Q. Have you ever been a member of the Democratic or Republican Party?

A. In 1947 or 1948 a friend of mine, Mrs. Evelyn Roberts, solicited my membership in a Democratic party organization. I joined with a small cash donation.

Q. Is your brother's name Jack Baby?

A. Yes.

Q. To the best of your knowledge, has your brother Jack ever been a member of any organization?

A. Yes, I recall that my brother Jack was in the Scraphandlers Union in Chicago, Illinois, and one of his associates in this union was a Mr. Leon Cook, now deceased.

Q. Mrs. Grant, was your brother a member of any other organization to the best of your knowledge or belief?

A. It is also possible that my brother belongs to MEWA, an entertainers' union, and possibly a musicians' union, but I do not know about this.

Q. Mrs. Grant, do you have reason to believe that your brother Jack is a Communist?

A. No.

Q. Has your brother Jack ever expressed sentiments for any Communist organization or country?

A. No.

Q. Has your brother Jack ever expressed hatred or animosity towards any organization or country?

A. I do not ever recall discussing this with my brother Jack.

Q. Did your brother ever express any anti-American sentiments?

A. No, just the opposite.

Q. Did he ever express any pro-American sentiments?

A. I do not believe that my brother is politically minded in any respect, but he has always admired the U. S. and commented favorably on the Presidents.

Q. Did your brother Jack ever associate with any foreign born people to the best of your knowledge?

A. None that I know of.

Q. Have you ever recalled seeing your brother in company with people of Spanish or Cuban origin?

A. Not to the best of my knowledge.

Q. Did you know that your brother Jack went to Cuba?

A. Yes, I do.

Q. Did he discuss this trip with you?

A. I do not remember the date and I do not recall any discussions with my brother regarding this trip.

Q. Do you know a man named Jack Willie?

A. Yes, I have met him on several occasions.

Q. Do you know what his occupation is?

A. I believe him to be a gambler.

Q. Do you know what your brother's association with Mr. Willie was?

A. I believe him to be a personal friend. I do not know what business connections they had.

Q. Are you familiar with a corporation known as the S & R corporation?

A. I know very little about it except that my brother Jack is connected with it.

Q. Do you know that a Mr. Ralph Paul is one of the officers of this organization?

A. Yes, I do.

Q. Do you know that your brother Samuel is also an officer of this corporation?

A. I do not know this.

Q. How long have you known Mr. Ralph Paul?

A. I have known him about 12 years.

Q. Do you know what Mr. Paul's occupation is?

A. I believe that he was at one time in the ice cream business, but he currently owns the Bull Pen Restaurant in Arlington, Texas.

Q. Have you ever visited Mr. Paul's home?

A. No.

Q. Has he ever visited you at the Vegas Club?

A. Yes, lots of times.

Q. Has he visited with you in your home?

A. I believe on one occasion when I gave a dinner party at my home at the Continental Inn.

Q. Mrs. Grant, has Mr. Paul ever discussed with you his political feelings?

A. No.

Q. Have you ever heard anyone mention that Mr. Paul was not a loyal American citizen?

A. No.

Q. Then you have no reason to believe otherwise?

A. I believe he is a good American.

Q. Did you know Mr. Paul before he came to Dallas?

A. No.

Q. Are you acquainted with any of Mr. Paul's relatives or friends?

A. None, except his ex-business partner and wife.

Q. Do you know Mr. Paul's place of origin?

A. I believe he comes from Brooklyn, N. Y.

Q. Do you know if he has loaned your brother large sums of money?

A. Yes.

Q. Would you describe Ralph Paul as your brother Jack's best friend?

A. In a way yes, they have been close friends.

Q. Mrs. Grant, do you know whether or not Mr. Paul has a girlfriend in Dallas?

A. Yes, here or in Ft. Worth.

Q. Will you give me the names of these girlfriends?

A. Tania Truo, who is known as an exotic dancer. Also, a cocktail waitress from the Colony Club whose name is Winnie.

Q. Mrs. Grant, can you recall any benevolent gestures that your brother Jack has made, as in the case of Detective Mullinax?

A. Yes, on that occasion he gave about \$200. I know that one time he contributed to the Angels Inc. \$25.00; this is an organization devoted to the care of orphans. Also, he has contributed to some extent to the Dunn Memorial Home in Dallas. I also believe that he has donated occasionally to the Golden Acres Home for aged persons.

Q. Do you know a woman named Alice Nichols?

A. Yes.

Q. Would you describe Alice Nichols as your brother Jack's mistress?

A. No.

Q. Would you describe Miss Nichols as your brother's lady friend?

A. My brother at one time respected and loved this woman very much, and on one occasion he was engaged to her. To the best of my knowledge, there was nothing improper in this relationship.

Q. Has your brother Jack complained frequently of headaches or other ailments?

A. Yes, he has complained of difficulty in breathing.

Q. Would you describe your brother's temper as explosive?

A. I do not know what you mean.

Q. Well, have you known him to be quick tempered?

A. Yes.

Q. Would you describe Jack as highly impulsive?

A. When angered, my brother can be highly impulsive.

Q. You have known your brother Jack since he was a child?

A. Yes.

Q. And you have been closely associated with him since childhood?

A. Yes, as closely associated with him as anyone.

Q. Can you say that it is true that since he was a child he was quick to use his fists to settle arguments, rather than use diplomacy or tact?

A. This would depend on the situation.

Q. Would you take a lie detector test?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know any close friends of your brother other than Ralph Paul?

A. a. George Senator

B. Joe & Sam Campisi (Police characters, suspected Mafia connections)

c. Mack Willie (Gambler)

d. Stanley Kaufman, an attorney.

d. Dr. Jacobson

f. many police officers

g. Breck Wall

h. Andy Anderson.

Q. Do you know the names of his associates in his business?

A. Ralph Paul, Leo Torti.

Q. Mrs. Grant, do you know Ned Weisbrod?

A. Yes.

Q. Would you describe him as a friend of your brother?

A. I would say that he has been an acquaintance of my brother for approximately 10 years.

Q. Do you know Sam Lasser.

A. Yes.

Q. Would you describe him as a friend of your brothers?

A. Yes, I know that Sam Lasser is an acquaintance of my brother and that he and Mr. Weisbrod are natives of Chicago.

Q. Do you know a Mr. Adrian High?

A. Yes, I believe that he lives in Oklahoma City.

Q. Mrs. Grant, did you talk to your brother Jack on the day of the visit of President Kennedy to Dallas?

A. Yes.

Q. Was this conversation by telephone or in person?

A. The first contact was by telephone.

Q. Mrs. Grant, would you describe your brother's conversation?

A. To the best of my memory, my brother called me early in the morning and asked me if I had seen the morning newspaper. I replied that I had, but I did not know what he was referring to. Within a few minutes, it became apparent to me that he was referring to a full page ad in this issue of the Dallas News which contained a series of pointed and insulting questions directed to the President of the U. S. My brother mentioned that this article was signed by a person whose name was obviously of Jewish origin and I believe that the name was Bernard Weissman. My brother was highly incensed that such an article had appeared on the date of the President's arrival in Dallas and particularly that the article was signed by a Jew.

Q. Did you read the article later on?

A. Yes.

Q. Can you remember anything from the article?

A. Yes, I believe it stated, "welcome Mr. President. Why did you send wheat to Russia when you know the Army travels on its stomach", also, something pertaining to Viet Nam and Cuba.

Q. What was said about Viet Nam and Cuba?

A. I do not remember.

Q. What was in the article that you remember?

A. Fact Finding Committee, signed Bernard Weissman, and I noticed the black border all around it, and I do know that this is the same article that Jack showed me when he came to the house.

Q. What else did Jack say?

A. He told me to tell Pauline on the phone that she was to work as a waitress that night.

Q. Any other conversation?

A. I told Jack not to put the word Blazers in the ad for the newspapers, as I do not like the name.

Q. When was the next phone call you received from Jack?

A. After 1:00 o'clock.

Q. What was Jack's conversation then?

A. Isn't this awful about the President, and I replied "you better come here". Jack said he felt sick over the President's shooting. He further stated "the phones are ringing" and I believe he was calling from the morning newspaper office. I was in a state of shock when the phone rang and it brought me to my senses. This was his third call that day and he asked how I felt, and what I wanted to eat and I replied "I do not want to eat" and he replied he was going to Phil's restaurant and I replied "go to the Ritz" and he then brought food that I ordered and that he wanted.

Jack arrived after 4:00 PM.

Q. How did he impress you when he came in?

A. He looked terrible.

Q. Describe his condition.

A. He was broken, baffled and depressed.

Q. What were his comments about the President?

A. He brought me two newspapers; evening and morning. He looked at the newspaper and studied it and looked and stared. He stated "do not worry. There will be about two million dollars worth of ads cancelled in the morning newspapers for placing such an article in the paper about the President". He further stated that he heard the Times Herald had turned the article down.

- Q. Can you think of anything else that he said to you after 4:00 PM?
- A. He stated "do you really believe that they used a Jewish name to cover up for a Gentile?" and also about the black border, because in the Jewish faith it stands for death.
- Q. Alright, now how long did he stay?
- A. I would say until 7:15 PM.
- Q. Did he eat?
- A. I asked him what he wanted to eat and he said scrambled eggs and lox, which I prepared for him and which he ate in spurts, because he was on the phone most of the time.
- Q. How many calls did he make?
- A. He made four phone calls. I believe to the Carousel and to a fellow by the name of Don Safrine (two calls to him). He called the newspaper. I don't know which one or both of them. He made the calls to tell them that the club was going to be closed. He told Don Safrine he would not be open that night, or on Saturday. I do not recall whether or not he said he would be open on Sunday. He ate a bite. He then placed another call I believe to Alice.
- Q. How long did he stay at your place?
- A. I believe until about 7:15.
- Q. Did he say where he was going?
- A. He said he was going home to change because he was going to pray at the synagogue. (He got talking about his father who is deceased.) "I never had such a feeling in my life, ~~even~~ even when Pa died."
- Q. He said he was going to the Synagogue to pray for the President?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did you hear from him anymore that night?
- A. He called about 10:30 or 11:00.
- Q. What was the content of his conversation?
- A. He said he was going to the police station and he asked how I felt.

Q. The last phone call he was primarily concerned about how you felt?

A. Yes.

Q. Anything else said about the President?

A. He said he went to the synagogue to pray for the President.

Q. Then did you hear from him anymore that night?

A. No, I cannot remember.

Q. How about Saturday morning?

A. I cannot remember too much about Saturday morning.

Q. Do you remember whether or not he came to see you?

A. I was so sick and dazed about it all that I cannot recall. I believe he came ~~early~~ early Saturday.

Q. Was he concerned about your health?

A. He brought me the paper and I believe he called me about twice before 4:00 on the phone but I cannot recall too much about Saturday's conversations. When he came he showed me two little pictures, and they said "Impeach Earl Warren". This picture was taken from a large billboard, and he showed me the pictures and he replied he did not sleep all night, so he went and took these pictures early Saturday morning. He took these pictures with his own camera of this poster. Several people went with him and I believe George Senator was one.

Q. What did he say about the billboard?

A. He saw it a few days ago and it bothered him, but he could not understand it and he kept the name from the bottom of the poster which was some place in Mass. He called Stanley Kaufman and told him that he took the picture of the billboard. He had the pictures and the ad from the morning paper, and it had on it P. O. Box No. 1792, Dallas. He said he went to the Post Office and I believe George went with him. They tried to talk to the Post Office clerk but it was closed and he told the clerk to give me just one name from the ad. He believed that the ad in the paper and the billboard "Impeach Earl Warren" were connected together.

Q. How long did he stay?

A. About four hours.

Q. About 8:00 or 8:15 PM?

A. Yes, I believe so.

Q. Did you go to bed?

A. I watched TV on and off.

Q. Did he call that evening?

A. In a couple of hours, later about 10:00 PM.

Q. What was the purpose of the call?

A. To see how I felt and because I was alone and I was still recuperating from the operation. He called again about twenty minutes later because I told him at 10:00 PM that I felt awful.

Q. Did he call at all on Sunday?

A. No.

Q. Do you believe that your brother Jack is insane?

A. No.

Q. Have you ever had any occasion in the past to believe that your brother was insane?

A. No.

Q. Do you believe that his fits of temper lead him to a state of temporary insanity?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you heard any other members of your family express this opinion?

A. No.

Q. Have you ever heard members of your family express the opinion that he was insane at the time that the shooting took place?

A. We have not discussed it.

Q. Have you heard any of his friends or associates express the opinion that he was insane?

A. Yes.

Q. How long have you lived in Dallas?

A. Three years and 9 months this time, altogether about twenty years off and on.

Q. You were arrested?

A. Yes, one time.

Q. Were you ever convicted for anything?

A. No.

Q. Do you have any judgments against you?

A. I believe not.

Q. Where is Frank Grant?

A. He is living in Los Angeles and he is remarried. My first husband lives in Chicago.

Q. What were the dates of your marriages?

A. March 30, 1930 Herman Magid, one son, divorced about 1934 in Chicago, Illinois.

EX. Second marriage August 21, 1936 to Frank Grant.

Q. Where is your son?

A. Ronald D. Magid lives in San, California.

Q. What is his age?

A. 32½ years.

Q. Do you attend the same synagogue as your brother Jack?

A. Yes, but I do not go so often.

Q. What is the name of the Synagogue?

A. Shomith Israel.

Q. Have any of your brothers or sisters ever had a police record?

A. Not that I know of.